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SUBJECT: JAPAN-SOVIET MEETING OF FISHERIES EXPERTS

1. JAPAN FISHERY AGENCY DISCLOSED JANUARY 9 MEETING OF JAPAN-SOVIET FISHERIES EXPERTS WILL BE HELD MOSCOW JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 7 IN ACCORDANCE WITH JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY TWO GOVERNMENTS DURING VISIT FORMER AGRICULTURE-FORESTRY MINISTER SAKURAUCHI TO MOSCOW OCTOBER 1973.

EXPERTS WILL DISCUSS IMPROVING METHODS ARRIVING CATCH QUOTAS AND STRENGTHENING ENFORCEMENT PRELIMINARY TO NEGOTIATIONS ON SALMON, CRAB AND SEA SNAIL SCHEDULED EARLY MARCH IN MOSCOW.

2. JAPAN AND SOVIET UNION AGREED IN OCTOBER MEETING THAT IN FUTURE MEETINGS OF JAPAN-SOVIET NORTHWEST PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION THEY WOULD DEVELOP ESTIMATES ON SALMON CATCH QUOTAS FOR BOTH SIDES

ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE IN ADDITION TO NORMAL PRACTICE OF DECIDING ON FINAL QUOTA FOR CURRENT FISHING SEASON, I.E. 1974. SIMILARLY,

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THEY WOULD ALSO DECIDE ON CATCH QUOTAS CRAB AND SEA SNAIL ONE YEAR

IN ADVANCE.

3. MEETING WILL ALSO COVER STRENGTHENING ENFORCEMENT IN ZONE B, AN AREA LIMITED TO OPERATION OF LAND-BASE COASTAL VESSEL.

4. JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS, IWAO FUJITA PRESIDENT, JAPAN FISHERIES ASSOCIATION, AND TOSHIKO OHBA, DIRECTOR, MARINE FISHERIES DIVISION, FISHERY AGENC. (SOURCE: NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN, 1/10/74).

5. COMMENT: ESTABLISHING ESTIMATES CATCH QUOTAS ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE PROPOSED BY JAPAN IN ORDER HELP STABILIZE OPERATIONS. STRENGTHENING ENFORCEMENT SUGGESTED BY SOVIET UNION. IN PAST, JAPAN HAS STRONGLY RESISTED EXPANSION OF SOVIET INSPECTION PRESENCE IN ZONE B. SHOESMITH

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